

Harvey Milk

Personal Life

- ****Early Life****: Harvey Bernard Milk was born on May 22, 1930, in Woodmere, New York. He grew up in a small middle-class Jewish family that was well-known in the local community for their civic engagement.
- ****Education****: He attended the State University of New York at Albany, where he studied math and history. He graduated in 1951 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving as a diving instructor until he was discharged in 1955 due to questions about his sexual orientation.

- **Relationships**: Milk acknowledged his homosexuality in adolescence but kept his relationships secret for many years. He moved to San Francisco in 1972, where he became a prominent figure in the growing LGBTQ community.
- **Death**: Harvey Milk was tragically assassinated on November 27, 1978, along with San Francisco Mayor George Moscone, by a disgruntled former city supervisor.

Professional Life

- **Early Career**: Before entering politics, Milk held various jobs, including teaching, working as a stock analyst, and serving as a production associate for Broadway musicals.

- ****Political Career****: Milk moved to San Francisco in 1972 and opened a camera store in the Castro District, which became a community hub. He ran for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1973 and 1976 but was not elected until 1977, becoming one of the first openly gay elected officials in the United States.

- ****Achievements****: During his time in office, Milk sponsored a bill banning discrimination based on sexual orientation in public accommodations, housing, and employment. The bill was passed by a vote of 11-1 and signed into law by Mayor Moscone.

- ****Legacy****: Despite his short political career, Milk became an icon in San Francisco and a martyr in

the LGBTQ community. He was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2009.

Harvey Milk's life was marked by his dedication to civil rights and his pioneering role in the LGBTQ movement.